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In re of the Application of

Stephen Michnick et al.

Serial Number: 09/603,885

Filed: June 26, 2000

For: AN IN VIVO LIBRARY VERSUS LIBRARY SELECTION OF OPTIMIZED PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTIONS

ATT: BOX AF

Group Art Unit: 1639

Examiner: Padmashri Ponnalu

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 22, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box AF Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final office action dated July 22, 2003, with the period for response extended one month (Sept. 22nd, 2003 being a Saturday – a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed)) reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Applicant is also grateful to Examiner Ponnaluri for the courteous interview granted on July 31, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. The prior amendment to the specification is being reintroduced as applicant has not gotten a new filing receipt reflecting CIP status.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicants' once again respectfully request a corrected filing receipt, which should reflect the first paragraph of the application as per the amendment to the specification dated June 2, 2003.